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ROYAL BALLOTING-- Freshman Mark Mraz supervises students voting Monday and Tuesday in the Student Center for Homecoming king and queen. The finalists, the five couples with most votes, will be announced at Campus Capers Friday night. The king and queen will be crowned in pregame ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Campus groups choose nominees

Students voted Monday and Tuesday to choose king, queen and four finalist couples.

Each year campus organizations select nominees for homecoming queen and king.

The couple with the most votes is homecoming queen and king, Student

Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

The top five are named finalists and announced at Campus Capers Friday night. All nominees are presented during Capers.

The Student Senate supervises the elections and the vice president is in charge of the event.

Student I.D. cards were checked on a computer list of Social Security numbers as students voted, Nalley said. queen will be announced at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at a pre-game ceremony before the TJC-Trinity Valley football game at Rose Stadium.

49 campaign in Homecoming election

Homecoming king and queen nominees are: Apache Band, Melody Hale and Tres Smith; Apache Belles, Stacey Bosley and D.J. Jones; Alpha Delta Sigma, Twiggy Cregler and Jeff Young; Alpha Sigma Chi, Tonya Moore and James Daughtry; Baptist Student Union, Karen Davault and Chris Gill; Cheerleaders, Lenaya Robinson and Steve Standefer and Claridge Hall, Heidi Boerst and David Jamison and Gospel Choir, Shari Reese and Darwin Cain.

Other nominees are: Holley Hall, Cindi Lee Cooper and Smooth Johnson; Horticulture Club, Amy French and Joseph Korkmas; Hudnall Hall, Christie Brazil and Richard Prelow; Kappa Kappa Psi, Myti Car-

bary and Lance Neill; Las Mascaras, Heather Clem and Damon Carney and Phi Delta Sigma, Toni Bryant and Prince Bell and Phi Theta Kappa, Mande Marshall.

Other nominees are: Physical Education, Denise Smith and Adam Anderson; RA Association, Missy Finneran and Sean Sanders; San Souci, Amie Herrington and Shawn Ayers; Sigma Delta Nu, Jennifer Miles and Mike Everett; Sledge Hall, Davina Jones and Robert Jerger; Student Senate, Kristi Gorham and Mark James; Tau Kappa, Natalie Stevens and Joe Latham; Tri-C Teresa Buckley and Jeff Shrode; Vaughn Hall, Valerie Cogburn and Allen (Kick) Walton and Zeta Phi

Omega, Sherry Taylor and Billy Boone.

Nominees were introduced to students at a 50s dance in early October. The nominees will put up posters to campaign for votes.

Students vote Monday and Tuesday. The Student Senate and Student Activities Director Scott Nalley will count the votes. They hope to use scantron sheets for voting this year, Nalley said.

Finalists are presented and the winners announced at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Rose Stadium. The king and queen will be crowned in pregame ceremonies before the Apaches play the Trinity Valley Cardinals.

Game to complete Homecoming week

The Apaches will host Trinity Valley Community College for the homecoming game at 2 p.m. Saturday. The game is the final student event in Homecoming week.

Homecoming officially began Oct. 10 with the 50s dance at which the 38 queen and king nominees were presented. Students voted Monday and Tuesday.

At 10 a.m. Friday decorated buildings and floats will be shown.

"All organizations are encouraged to participate, Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

Each organization that wanted to decorate floats and campus buildings was given \$75 to buy materials.

At 1 p.m. Friday during a campus walk to Wise Plaza the queen and king nominees will be presented. A pep rally will follow at 2 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday Campus Capers will be held in Wise Auditorium. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$2.

"There will be lots of talent and fun," Nalley said.

"In the past the show has run as long as four hours, but this year it will be limited to two or two and a half hours," Nalley said.

Traylor to speak

Overcoming cerebral palsy, Jerry Traylor walks on crutches to accomplish incredible feats.

Traylor will be the second speaker in the Student Enrichment Series Wednesday at Wise Auditorium. The speech, scheduled for 10 a.m., is free but tickets are required. Tickets may be obtained from the Student Affairs Office in Rogers Student Center.

Traylor has endured a 3,500 mile run across America, and completed more than three dozen marathons. He also raced to the top of Pikes Peak, some 14,110 feet high, three times.

Many allow such handicaps to make even the smallest tasks difficult, but the opposite is true for Traylor.

"You see, there are two kinds of crutches—positive and negative," he said. "Mine are positive crutches. They help me, support me and free me to get out and live life. But crutches can be negative, too, if people think that they are and let the crutches limit them or handicap them."

Traylor earned a degree in business administration and began working for the Treasury Department's

A committee of three will judge Capers acts. "Organizations will be judged on how well they perform and how the performance relates to the theme 'The Beat Goes On,'" he said.

At 9:30 p.m. Friday a Homecoming Dance begins in Rogers Student Center. It will be followed by a Pep Rally at midnight.

The faculty and administration will serve a breakfast to the students at 12:30 a.m.

The traditional drum beat began Monday and will continue until Saturday's kickoff. Students take turns beating the drum for an hour each.

"This symbolizes the old becoming the new. This year will be the last Homecoming for the old Student Center and the first for the new Student Center," Nalley said.

Alumni are expected at a Homecoming brunch in the Apache Rooms in Rogers Student Center at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$5. The Alumni Band will entertain. Special guests will be the class of 1934.

Pregame ceremonies begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday when the king and queen will be crowned

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Bureau of Public Debt. He then decided to become a motivational speaker.

"I quit my job with the government to become a motivational speaker," he said. "I wanted to tell people that all things are possible, that they could do anything—absolutely anything—if they would just give themselves a chance and try."

"To be effective, though, I felt I'd have to establish myself not just as a motivational speaker, but as a motivational doer, too."

This point could best be made by doing things people thought him incapable of doing, he said.

Traylor has made more than 200 speeches in schools, prisons, and churches and raised over \$10,000 for facilities for the disabled and elderly.

Freestyle biker devoted to riding

By Lisa Warren
staff writer

Imagine a life of leisure...days devoted to eating, sleeping, riding. Sound good? Now imagine that same life with a \$5,000 yearly cost, no money, little social life, self-inflicted torture, guaranteed hassle and a bad reputation.

The average person would give it all up to lead a normal life, but for freshman Rob Ables it is a small price to pay to be a freestyler.

Freestyle biking, coined "gymnastics on wheels" by those who know, is the imaginative manipulation of biking abilities added with self-expression and a touch of personal style.

Ables, an active freestyler for about three and a half years, claims there is nothing better than free expression of one's abilities.

In his case, that means maneuvering a 28-pound bike into various positions while rotating his body at semi-dangerous speeds. This requires lots of skill, practice and patience and is not as easy as people think.

Whiplashes, Spastic Freak Squeaks, Hitchhikers and the dreaded Deathtruck are just a few of the tricks that freestylers are known for and what they spend hours learning.

When not practicing, they are trying out variations to make up new ones. But practice time, as in any other sport, depends on the person.

"Some people do simple tricks and don't have to practice," Ables, who practices three to 10 hours daily, said.

After a trick is perfected, continual practice is important for a good

contest performance. About 150-180 freestylers compete in one of three categories—novice, intermediate, or expert.

Scoring is based on perfection of run, where the contestant attempts to finish his routine without touching the ground. This, along with a time limit and tense atmosphere, can crush even the best freestyler's performance.

Ables will compete in both intermediate and expert Tuesday in Temple. His performance will determine whether he turns expert next year.

Although pro freestylers make large amounts of money, Ables says turning pro is not in his plans, regardless of his future abilities.

"Freestyle is not a team sport. I do it for myself, by choice, and there's no one there telling me what to do," Ables said. "It's just a hobby that offers more benefits than most."

One benefit is being paid to do freestyle shows. Ables and a group of friends have performed at hospital events, birthday parties and were invited to perform at a local football game.

Another benefit is sponsorship, whereby a business will fund a freestyler in return for product advertisement.

Ables insists that freestyle bikers not be confused with freestyle skateboarders. According to Ables, skaters have a different attitude toward the sport that cannot be compared with that of bikers.

"Pushing a board around town all day is really kind of lame when you look at it," Ables said.

Even with the enormous recog-

nition freestyle has gained over the past years, Ables says it still has not caught on well in Tyler and will never gain recognition as a sport because most people are not willing to try to excel at it. He contends that everyone wants a freestyle bike, but nobody wants to do the tricks or put in the effort that is involved.

According to Ables, only nine out of about 30 in Tyler who call themselves freestylers are really hardcore. He calls what the other 21 do "playing around" and says they are the main reason freestylers have been given a bad name.

"People tend to classify us as something standard—no good because we ride bikes," Ables said.

The best way for a newcomer to get involved in freestyle is to buy a good bike, watch others, and spend almost all free time riding. Ables stresses that learning comes from trying everything with full ability and claims that getting hurt leads to a high tolerance of pain—something no hardcore freestyler should be without.

Given what it takes to participate in the sport, most people would opt for something a little more practical. Ables, however, is anything but. When given the choice, he chooses freestyle everytime.

"It's what I really want to do, and it makes me feel good to know that I can do something not everyone else can," Ables said.

Whenever he starts feeling too good, all it takes is one swift crash to the ground to put him back in perspective. And like all hardcore freestylers, that is when he picks himself up and tries again.



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GYMNASTICS ON WHEELS-- Freshman Rob Ables demonstrates his talents on two wheels. Ables is known as a freestyle biker and will compete Tuesday in Temple to determine if he will become an expert.

Phi Theta Kappa plans initiation

In a Phi Theta Kappa meeting last Wednesday plans were made to initiate new members Dec. 7. Co-sponsor Lena Exum said.

The group discussed the fundraising project. They plan to sell mugs to send the officers to the Phi Theta Kappa National Convention in San Francisco in April, 1990.

The group chose Mande Marshall as homecoming queen nominee.

Plans are being made for a "college night" to inform all Phi Theta Kappa members who are planning to transfer to universities of scholarships and other benefits available to them, Exum said.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor fraternity recognizing students' academic achievement in two-year colleges.

Members must complete at least 12 hours in a college institution and maintain a 3.5 grade average.

Dropouts give varied reasons for quitting

By Allison Gorneau
staff writer

It's hard to capture dropouts at a junior college, Registrar Bob Cullins said.

"About 21 percent of students who stop going to school are not dropping out, he said. "They are withdrawing."

A lot of students go to junior college just to get their basics so they can

go straight to their major at a four-year college.

A common cause for dropping out is just losing interest in school.

Some other causes are family and financial problems and getting a job that does not allow time for school, he said.

An equal number of men and women drop out every year. Some try to re-enroll after a while because

they find they were better off getting an education.

A few students just stop going to classes instead of withdrawing because they think the teacher will just drop them, Cullins said.

When they try to go back to school, they find it harder because they ended up with Fs in the classes they failed to drop.

Some students just don't know

what they want out of life and they have to find out, Cullins said.

People on campus can help confused students who don't know what to do. Students can talk to a counselor or any instructor and they would be glad to help, Cullins said.

Some can only be helped by the counselor suggesting they withdraw, he said. Their grades are so bad that they would not be able to save themselves.

Most students do not oppose drug testing

By Katrina Miller
staff writer

Most students have no objection to mandatory drug testing a recent campus survey reflects students' attitudes. Only five out of twenty or twenty-five percent of students surveyed oppose mandatory drug testing.

"I think it's good for everyone including colleges and it's not taking away rights," Jason Cochra from Flint said.

"If there was drug testing, it would be less problems around campus at night," Andrew Orr from Tyler said.

Some believe tests invade personal privacy. "Drug testing would interfere with my privacy. It would seem like people do not trust me," Cynthia Tillman from Tyler said.

Others disagree, believing the need for drug-free schools and workplaces are more important than personal freedom.

"Drugs are against the law and people who use drugs get the jobs that hard-working people need," Jason Collins from Tyler said.

"People shouldn't have drugs in school. We should be tested for drugs. We take other tests," said Julia Blaylock from Tyler.

Richard Morris from Tyler said, "I'm not for it."

Drug testing may provide part of the answer to a problem too far out of control for politicians' promises to solve.

President George Bush's \$7.8 billion drug plan almost immediately drew criticism. Some said there is not enough money and others complained about where the money was going to come from.

"If Americans want to win the drug war, they better get ready for the weapons to fight," said Laurie Adox, reporter for The Lantern newspaper.

More money will have to be spent on law enforcement, prisons and counseling for addicts, Adox said.

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Tri-C plans Halloween Fun

Tri-C will host Halloween Fun at 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 1416 S. Baxter.

The Halloween event is to keep little kids off the streets, Tri-C Director Dr. Charles Stelding said.

It will include a scary house for kids to walk through, a monster kiss, a marriage booth, dunking booth and a basketball throw. For 50 cents kids get to kiss the monster.

Admission costs \$1 for children 12 and over and 50 cents for children under 12.

Free enterprise group to meet

Students in Free Enterprise (STIFE) will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in Business Building 110 at the University of Texas at Tyler.

They will discuss planned activities and projects for the fall semester, STIFE President Gary Choice said.

"All interested TJC students are invited to attend." This organization was begun in the fall, 1987, to get students involved in free enterprise and get them working with business in the local area.

For more information, contact STIFE advisor B. D. Crowe at 555-7360.

Hospital to screen candy

Medical Center Hospital will again screen Halloween candy at the Southeast Crossing Shopping Center beside the Jaycees' Haunted House from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"The candy screening is designed to help detect metal and hopefully give parents better peace of mind," Troy Guinn, radiology director at Medical Center, said.

With Halloween just around the corner, everyone needs to be a little more cautious about treats from strangers, Guinn said.

Year after year, poisonings and other Halloween-related incidents have turned trick-or-treating fun into tragedy.

To discourage accidents, the Regional Trauma and Emergency Center of Medical Center Hospital suggests five precautions:

—always have an adult accompany children while

they trick-or-treat, making sure that they stay on sidewalks and other protected areas.

—wear light-colored costumes or ones with safety markings and carry a flashlight.

—be sure that masks allow children to see clearly and the costumes do not impair walking.

—discard all candies which are not wrapped by manufacturer or have an unusual appearance.

"And as your last stop, come by Medical Center's candy screening for a fun and important conclusion to your Halloween evening," Guinn said.

Each child will receive a treat from the Hospital.

Choice group to rally in park

East Texans for Choice are sponsoring a rally at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bergfeld Park.

ETC is a bi-partisan group dedicated to preserving an individual's reproductive rights.

Several hundred people are expected to attend the rally to hear local and state officials speak on the controversial issue, ETC President Margo Simmons said.

Otis Carroll, Smith County Democratic chairman, and former GOP Chairman Bill Lust will speak, along with Rabbi Stephen Gold of Temple Beth El and Dr. Robert Pierce of First Presbyterian Church. Also speaking will be Dr. Chester Vaughn and Dr. Gayle Burress.

From the state level, Nina Bjerregaard, Texas Republicans for Choice chairperson, Phyllis Dunham, Texas Abortion Rights Action League director; and Peggy Romberg Texas Family Planning Association director will also speak.

Statements from pro-choice candidates will also be read.

ETC was formed to maintain Texas' abortion laws and promote government non-interference in reproductive rights of an individual.

Students can replace lost cards

Student identification cards are essential for students to gain access to games, plays and other campus activities. If the card is lost, students should take certain steps to get a replacement.

Students who lose their cards should report to the basement of Vaughn Library and Learning and Resources Center, where a new card will be issued for \$5.

It is necessary for all students to have a card because certain campus facilities require it for entrance and use of school materials, Instructional Media Director George Wilson, said.

"It really saves the college a lot of money when students save old cards and have them updated, because there are more than 10,000 cards issued per year," Wilson said.

A new system for checking out library books is in effect this semester.

Students must have an ID card that is current and up-to-date, Library Services Director Johnnye Kennedy, said.

The new system requires bar-codes to be added to the back of ID cards to make them into library cards, Kennedy said.

The process may be done each semester.

This process is necessary to check out all books in Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center, Kennedy said.

The bar-codes help the library staff keep records on all books that may be overdue and are necessary for the check out system.

Students who have not had their cards converted to library cards should take them to the circulation desk located on the main floor of the Library.

Applications should be filled out and cards must be left overnight for processing.

For more information, contact Kennedy at Ext. 2308.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Criminal justice group elects

The Criminal Justice Student Association, a campus organization open to criminal justice majors, recently elected officers.

They are: President Derrick Robertson, Vice President William Glenn, Treasurer Missy Hughes and Secretary Sallie Limerick.

The sergeant-at-arms position will be filled following a run-off election.

At least 50 of the 250 criminal justice majors are expected to participate, Kenneth English, public safety technology director, said.

The organization has "the express purpose of promoting, teaching and learning of and about the field of criminal justice," English said.

CJSA meets about every two weeks to discuss law enforcement issues and plan activities, English said.

Activities include field trips, assisting Campus Safety with patrols and traffic control and raising funds for such organizations as Crime Stoppers and East Texas Crisis Center.

Possible fund raisers this semester are a car wash, food sales and a slave auction, English said.

English co-sponsors CJSA with Criminal Justice Instructor David Russ. Both have extensive law enforcement backgrounds.

English, a 1971 TJC graduate, was a law enforcement officer for 14 years in Texas and Oregon. He has taught criminal justice for 12 years, the last five at TJC.

Russ served 15 years as a Department of Public Safety officer. This is his second year to teach here.

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Internationals to try again

Only three international students showed up for the first International Students Organization last week. Although more than 40 foreign students are enrolled at TJC, student interest in the organization appears low.

Sponsor Margie Noel, history instructor, was disappointed with the turnout because she expected at least 20 international students attending.

Sponsor Manoucher Khosrowshahi, government instructor, said 15 "internationals" would be a more realistic expectation.

Another meeting is scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 31 in one of the Apache Rooms. For more details, look for posters, contact sponsors or talk to other international students, Noel said.

The low turnout for the Oct. 17 meeting made it impossible to determine whether the organization will continue. Sponsors Susie Johnston and Marygwen Arnold discussed ways to get "internationals" involved in the organization Tuesday with Noel and Khosrowshahi.

Membership is open to students with an international background who are enrolled in classes here. Once a member of the organization, representation in student senate is guaranteed.

This will give all "internationals" on campus a stronger voice in student affairs, Noel said.

Some activities anticipated are parties, dances and receptions. Officers will be elected and duties collected.

Senate to lead caravan

The Student Senate is encouraging participation of all students who want to join the processional to the Homecoming game Oct. 28.

Student Senate President Mike Ward is in charge of this event.

"We are trying to get more students involved in the things that happen on campus," Ward said. "The sororities and fraternities have already stressed their interest in this event."

Anyone planning to join the caravan should meet at the Rogers Student Center no later than 1 p.m.

"We encourage the students who are involved to decorate their cars," Ward said.

truck on the back of which the drum will be beaten all the way to the game," Mark James, president of the Inter-Greek Council, said.

The truck will lead the caravan to Rose Stadium where TJC will play Trinity Valley at 2 p.m.

Students to direct, perform in Campus Capers Friday

Only 13 of the 22 students who tried out were chosen to perform in Campus Capers, a student-performed and directed talent show, Music Instructor J.W. Johnson said.

Campus Capers is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday in Wise Auditorium. Tickets cost \$2 and will be available at the door.

The first place winner will receive \$300, second place \$200 and third place \$100.

Students will perform in two categories: professional and ama-

teur. Professionals are students who practice at least 2-3 times a week, Johnson said. Amateurs are students who are performing as individuals or small groups, not as a college performing group.

In the professional category are: Cheerleaders, Apache Band, Apache Belles, Harmony and Understanding, Gospel Choir and the jazz and tap classes.

Amateur performers are: Mande Marshall, Darwin Cain, Allison Milam, Mary Patrick, Shere Stern,

Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Sigma, Tau Beta Sigma, Sean Jackson and Jimmy Harrell, Erik Delatorre, Shane Vorhaben, Lisa Castillo and Howard Warren.

The acts will be judged on how good they are, how long they last and how the act fits the theme "The Beat Goes On," Johnson said.

All Homecoming nominees are introduced at Capers and the five finalists will be named along with the most handsome man and most beautiful woman.

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